

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting January 22, 2007

President Abboud called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call.

Present

Robert G. Abboud, President
Fritz H. Gohl, Pro-Tem
Steven E. Knoop, Trustee
George L. Schueppert, Trustee
Julie McKevitt, Trustee
Walter E. Smithe, Trustee
Theodore L. Horne, Trustee
Douglas Wambach, Village Attorney
Michael N. Murphy, Police Chief
Todd Gordon, Village Engineer
Dolores Trandel, Recording Secretary

Guests

Thomas Cafcas, Special Counsel
James Kelly, Special Counsel
Neal Waltmire, Building & Zoning
Ellen Walter, Resident
Nancy Harbottle, Attorney/Harris Bldrs
Dean Snow, G.M. Harris Bldrs.

Trustee Smith motioned to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss legal matters at 6:31 p.m. Trustee McKevitt seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKevitt, Smithe, Horne, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Meeting Adjourned

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PUBLIC SESSION

President Abboud called the Public Session to order at 8:02 p.m.

MINUTES

Trustee Gohl motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2006. Trustee McKeivitt seconded. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

Trustee Smith motioned to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of December 18, 2006. Trustee Schueppert seconded with slight corrections. All present said aye.

Motion Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Abboud opened a thirty-five minute session for public comments at 8:06 p.m.

Nancy Harbottle and Dean Snow, representing Harris Builders wanted to discuss the Building Code Grading Amend. Ord. – were told they could make comments when the Ordinance came up on the agenda.

As there were no further remarks, the public comments session ended at 8:09 p.m.

FINANCE – Walter E. Smithe

Treasurer's Report – Trustee Smithe presented the Treasurer's report for the month of December, 2006. Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Trustee Schueppert seconded. Roll Call

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKeivitt, Smithe, Horne, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Police Pension Board Report – Trustee Smithe motioned to accept the financial reports of the Police Pension Board through December 31, 2006 Trustee McKeivitt seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKeivitt, Smithe, Horne, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Overtime Reports – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve \$ 8,775.38 in overtime expenses for December 1, through December 15, 2006 and \$ 2,605.22 for December 16, through December 31, 2006. The reasons for the overtime expenses were discussed. Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKeivitt, Smithe, Horne, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Presentation of Bills – Trustee Smithe motioned to approve the payment of the bills for the month of December to date of \$141,323.30 and supplemental bills of \$19,749.44 Trustee Gohl seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKeivitt, Smithe, Horne, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Motion Approved

Fiscal Year Change Ordinance – Trustee Smith motioned to approve Ordinance 07-01 regarding changing the fiscal year to January 1 thru December 31, which coincides with the calendar year. Trustee Schueppert seconded. Roll Call

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKeivitt, Smithe, Horne, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Ordinance 07-01 Approved

Tax Levy Settlement Resolution – Trustee Smith motioned to approve Resolution 07-01 authorizing the settlement of the objections to the 2002 Cook County Tax Rate. It is estimated that the applied settled amount would be approximately \$207.13, as computed by the Village Attorney. Roll call.

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKeivitt, Smithe, Horne, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Resolution 07-01 Approved

ROADS AND BRIDGES – Julie McKeivitt

Monthly Report – Trustee McKeivitt reported that culvert repairs are in the works. The culvert on Hawley Woods will be covered by Neri Brothers 2006 contract. Culvert work is anticipated with the Hills & Dales resurfacing in 2007. Bateman Road will be resurfaced from Penny to Lake Cook. President Abboud believed that Longmeadow Drive needs to be checked.

Cook County Highway Department will be checking speed limits on County roads so there is not a discrepancy of over 10 miles from village roads onto highway roads. Also, the Algonquin Township Highway Superintendent will be contacted about jurisdictional issues regarding Haegers Bend Road and Algonquin/River Road.

MFT Resolution – Trustee McKeivitt motioned to approve MFT Res. 07-02 approving the Illinois Department of Transportation MFT Resolution in the amount of \$42,000.00. The IDOT Bureau of Local Roads approved the contracts for this project on November 8, 2006, which provides for the use of MFT funds for this work. Trustee Smith seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKeivitt, Smithe, Horne, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Resolution 07-02 Approved

PUBLIC SAFETY – Fritz H. Gohl

Monthly Report – Trustee Gohl deferred to Chief Murphy who presented the Police Report for activity in the month of December, 2006. Chief Murphy also provided traffic enforcement statistics for the Board's review.

Trustee Gohl was concerned about the performance of the phone system last week. Chief Murphy explained that 911 calls were transferred to Cencom during that period, for a replacement of a part which took ten minutes.

BUILDING AND ZONING – George L. Schueppert

Building Permit Report – Trustee Schueppert reported that six building permits had been issued during the month of January, 2007. They included permits for two additions and alterations, one alteration, one detached garage, one site development and one indoor pool.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report – Trustee Schueppert reported that at the most recent meeting, the ZBA approved a variance for 87 Hawley Woods and continued the special use application for an artificial pond.

President Abboud requested that the ZBA draft an ordinance to address design standards for cell towers. Trustee Smith motioned to so direct the ZBA, Trustee McKeVitt seconded. All said aye.

Motion Approved

Building Code Grading Amendment Ordinance – Trustee Schueppert motioned to approve. Trustee McKeVitt seconded. Nancy Harbottle, Attorney for Harris Builders and Dean Snow, General Manager for Harris Builders requested the Ordinance be deferred for one month so Harris Builders could have their engineers come up with some alternatives. They feel that the expensive homes being built should be able to have a walk-out basement. With the ground elevation at a building corner not to exceed 36”, this would prohibit this kind of construction. Trustee Smithe tabled the Ordinance till the February Board of Trustees meeting and Trustee Horne seconded. Roll Call.

Ayes: 5 (Schueppert, McKeVitt, Smithe, Horne, Gohl)
Nays: 2 (Knoop, Abboud)
Absent: 0

Ordinance Tabled

Flood Plain Amend. Ordinance – Trustee Schueppert motioned to approved Ordinance 07-03 that was prepared by the Village Attorney to incorporate specific reference to the Village of Barrington Hills as a chapter in the Village Code. Trustee Smithe seconded. All said aye.

Ordinance 07-03 Approved

President Abboud brought up a resident’s concern on the amount of demolition going on in Barrington Hills. This resident was concerned about the destruction of historic homes in our area. This resident was asked to get in contact with Patty Lacoski, Zoning in Barrington regarding their historic preservation.

PLANNING – Steven E. Knoop

Monthly Report – Trustee Knoop reported that the Plan Commission did not have any agenda items for its meeting in January. Lot 5 of Wamberg property will be on next months PC agenda. On Lot 2, Smith Barney may be building on the remaining property. There is concern about traffic. The square footage brought forward is in line with agreement, but usage differs. The Village staff has requested plans to review.

Haegers Bend Annexation Ordinance – There was some concern from Trustee Knoop regarding annexing the lot size of 3.2 acres. Chief Murphy felt this was a benefit to the Village as we do not control the intersection of Haegers Bend and Algonquin River Road. As this property includes both sides of Haegers Bend Road, the road would now be enforceable for the Police Department. Trustee Knoop motioned to approve the annexation of 10018 Haegers Bend Road to the Village of Barrington Hills. Trustee Smith seconded. Roll call.

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKevitt, Smithe, Horne, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Ordinance 07-02 Approved

Fox River Grove IGA – Village Attorney Doug Wambach drew up one-half the Agreement and Fox River Grove the other one-half. Fox River Grove will adopt if we agree. Deferred to February Board of Trustee meeting. Fox River Grove should be adopting this agreement on February 15. The Village of Barrington Hills, under this agreement, will not put communications tower on the parcel we own along Foxmoor Drive.

INSURANCE – George L. Schueppert

Monthly Report – Trustee Schueppert reported that he has been in contact with A. J. Gallagher and is still working on the matter of health care costs. We will be looking at annual renewal in the spring. We have been informed that Blue Cross will not insure us. They want at least 250 employees and advised us we are too small for a stand alone policy. Sgt. Kann and Alice Runvik attended a MCOG insurance program.

HEALTH, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, ENVIRONMENT – Theodore L. Horne

Monthly Report – Trustee Horne reported that the Board of Health did not have a January meeting.

Strategic Plan for Village Building - There is a concern with the prisoner processing room regarding officer safety. The room is too small and plans are being prepared to extend it through the bathroom. That bathroom is used only by the officers at this time.

Grounds - Trustee Horne signed a contract with Davey Tree for \$1,400 for tree care for 2007.

Solid Waste Management Report – Trustee Horne reported that he is setting up a meeting with Lakewood regarding unified garbage service to give our residents a better price. The recycling report varies by a quite a lot from month to month. Last report shows 6,683, 340 pounds of waste with 14.5 % of that recycled. The high month was November with 28.24%. President Abboud wanted Trustee Horne to advise how we compare to other communities.

Flint Creek Watershed Commission – We received a grant from IEPA for \$70,000. Trustee Horne will be researching how the money will be spent.

ATTORNEY – Douglas Wambach

Pending Litigation – Attorney Wambach stated that legal matters had been discussed in Executive Session.

ADMINISTRATION – Robert G. Abboud

Executive Session Recording Archives – Trustee Horne motioned to approve destruction of the audio recording of the approved minutes of the executive session of April 25, 2005. Trustee Gohl seconded. All present said aye except Trustee Schueppert.

Motion Approved

Communications Committee – Maureen Prettyman is working on logo with Land's End clothier. Planning continues for the Civil War re- enactment.

Police Services Amend. Ordinance – Trustee Smith motioned to approve an Ordinance amending Section 8-1-3 of the Village Code regarding the duties and powers of members of the Police Department generally. Officers can now enforce building code violations and will be using a CSO. Trustee Knoop seconded. Roll Call

Ayes: 7 (Schueppert, Knoop, McKeivitt, Smithe, Horne, Gohl, Abboud)
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Ordinance 07-04 Passed

Trustee Gohl motioned to adjourn the Public Session at 10:38 pm. Trustee Horne seconded. All present said aye.

Meeting Adjourned

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